

**State EMS Advisory Board  
Richmond Marriott West, Glen Allen, Virginia  
Friday, February 9, 2007  
1:00 PM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
<b>Randy P Abernathy</b> <b>Reverend Coan Agee</b> <b>Sherrin C. Alsop</b> <b>Byron F. Andrews, III</b> <b>J. David Barrick</b> <b>Edward B. Bish, Jr.</b> <b>Jennie L. Collins</b> <b>Gary P. Critzer</b> <b>Robert V. Crowder, III</b> <b>Gary A. Dalton</b> <b>James R. Dudley, M.D.</b> <b>Bruce Edwards</b> <b>Theresa E. Guins, M.D.</b> <b>L.V. Pokey Harris</b> <b>Kimberly J. Mitchell, M.D.</b> <b>Linda Sayles</b> <b>Karen D. Wagner</b> <b>Anthony D. Wilson</b> <b>Douglas R. Young</b>	Kevin L. Dillard (Excused) May H. Fox Rao R. Ivatury, M.D. Linda G. Johnson (Excused) Dr. Lori Moore Carl F. Wentzel, III, M.D. (Excused)	Gary R. Brown P. Scott Winston Beth Singer Brienne Slattery Winnie Pennington Warren Short Chad Blosser Jim Nogle Frank Cheatham Karen C. Owens Dennis Molnar Ken Crumpler Michael D. Berg Paul Sharpe Jodi Kuhn Amanda Davis Greg Neiman Timothy J. Perkins Rohn Brown Wanda Street Irene Hamilton S. Heather Phillips	<b>Connie Purvis</b> <b>Kent Weber</b> <b>W. G. Shelton, Jr.</b> <b>Christopher Price</b> <b>Robin Davis</b> <b>Don D. Wilson</b> <b>Jon R. Donnelly</b> <b>Kim Pumphrey</b> <b>Wayne Peer</b> <b>Wes Shifflett</b> <b>Paul Helmuth</b> <b>Zeb Lilly</b> <b>Elizabeth Enos</b> <b>Allen Yee</b> <b>Michael Kurz</b> <b>Melinda Duncan</b> <b>Rob Logan</b> <b>Jim Chandler</b> <b>Tina Skinner</b> <b>Greg Woods</b> <b>Bobby Lukhard</b> <b>Ed Rhodes</b> <b>David E. Cullen, Jr.</b> <b>Robin Kurz</b> <b>Lisa Kaplowitz, M.D., M.S.H.A.</b>

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<b>Call to Order – Karen Wagner</b>	The meeting was called to order at 1:09 PM	
<b>Approval of November 8, 2006 Meeting Minutes</b>	The minutes from November 8, 2006 were approved as submitted	
<b>Approval of January 5, 2007 Retreat Minutes</b>	The minutes from the Retreat of January 5, 2007 were approved as submitted.	

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<b>Approval of February 9, 2007 Agenda</b>	The agenda for the meeting was approved with one change. Michael Cline, the State Coordinator of Emergency Management was unable to attend the meeting. However, Amanda Davis, the Grants Administrator from the Office of EMS, will give an update on the Homeland Security Grant.	
<b>STEMI Project – Joseph P. Ornato, M.D., Chairman Department of Emergency Medicine, VCU Medical Center</b>	Dr. Ornato gave a presentation regarding the STEMI Project. Dr. Ornato gave some history on the ST Elevation MI heart attack; and informed the Board that an emerging trend in EMS has states trying to organize systems for caring for ST Elevation MI heart attack victims in a manner similar to the trauma care systems now in place in most states. North Carolina is already organizing to put in place a statewide plan for helping the EMS community get the right patient to the right institution at the right time; and helping the institutions partner with each other to make timely transfers.	The Office of EMS is researching information provided by Dr. Ornato. Mr. Brown pointed out that this is a system issue and not an Office of EMS alone decision. Any decision would have to be discussed with the Medical Direction Committee and the Advisory Board, as well as talking with both Drs. Kaplowitz and Stroube. Resource allocation issues would have to be discussed and resolved, as well.
<b>Study of Regional Councils – Kevin K. McGinnis, MPS, EMT-P</b>	<p>Mr. Brown introduced Kevin McGinnis and gave the Board a brief bio of Mr. McGinnis.</p> <p>Mr. McGinnis is representing ASMI (Association of Society Management International) and told the Board that ASMI has a core group within ASMI that are EMS system planners, people who have always put the system of EMS first. Mr. McGinnis explained that ASMI supports National Association of State EMS Officials and a lot of other related entities.</p> <p>Mr. McGinnis gave an overview of the project scope and what they will be reviewing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Functions that are currently or could potentially be done to support the local EMS systems that are now done on a regional basis.</li> <li>2. The advantages and disadvantages of doing the functions in a couple of different ways: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the way that it is currently being done – through the regional council structure</li> <li>b. the potential of doing functions through a state affiliated OEMS structure</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. cost related with the current system as a part of its performance history</li> <li>4. contracts between the state and the regions</li> <li>5. reports of how the deliverables were delivered over the past few years</li> <li>6. survey individuals served by the regions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. determine how well they feel they are being served</li> <li>b. are there alternative ways that they can be served</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. history of previous evaluations and discussions on this subject</li> <li>8. current literature and organization structure of EMS including the recent Institute of Medicine report</li> <li>9. Rural/Frontier EMS Agenda for the Future</li> <li>10. Review other statewide models that exist</li> </ol>	<b>Mr. McGinnis passed around a sign up sheet for councils and other interested individuals to schedule a time for an in-person interview.</b>

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	<p>11. Review other ways that regions in the state might be configured, in terms of the number and types of regions and their borders.</p> <p>Approach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Document review looking at all the records, including financial records of the regions and the financial state of the Office of EMS.</li> <li>2. Survey of leaders and providers. Individuals will be receiving a letter of invitation to complete a web-based survey</li> <li>3. A sample of providers, approximately 5,000, will be invited to answer the survey.</li> <li>4. Phone and in-person interviews will be conducted.</li> </ol> <p>Schedule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Most of the interviews will be conducted in the month of March.</li> <li>2. The study should be finished in May 2007 and a project report should be provided.</li> </ol>	
<b>2007 Department of Homeland Security Grants – Amanda Davis</b>	<p>Ms. Davis gave a brief background on the Department of Homeland Security Grants. Ms. Davis explained that last year Virginia got about \$16.8 million dollars from the Department of Homeland Security Grants; but none of those dollars came to EMS. In an effort to secure funding this year, approximately 18 EMS representatives took part in a stakeholders meeting on January 29-30.</p> <p>Paul Sharpe explained more about the EMS Trauma Registry. OEMS has been working on a project to replace the PPCR. If they obtain the Homeland Security Grant it will enable OEMS to make this a system wide system to track more information.</p> <p>It is a 36 month grant; but once EMS is approved for the initial investment, it is very likely that they will continue to get funding. OEMS should know by July if they are getting funded; and they should receive the funds by September. All monies are being allocated through the Department of Emergency Management; and thus the funding would come from the Department of Emergency Management.</p>	<p><b>EMS decided to ask for: \$1.5 million dollars for an EMS Registry that will link things such as Patient Care, assess the quality of care; illnesses and trends in illnesses.</b></p>
<b>Chairman's Report – Karen Wagner</b>	<p>Ms. Wagner acknowledged all the work done by the various committees over the past several months.</p> <p>The upcoming Town Forum dates were announced. Exact locations of each Town Forum will be forthcoming.</p> <p>The Executive Committee met to discuss the possibility of assisting the system with finding a permanent location for the National EMS Memorial. The National EMS Memorial Service has branched off into a small group that is looking nationwide for a location for the permanent EMS Memorial. The EMS Advisory Board will have a group that will be participating and looking to identify a location in the Commonwealth of Virginia for the National EMS Memorial. That group will report their findings to the EMS Advisory Board and to several other entities.</p>	<p><b>Town Forum dates:</b>  <b>March 15 – Fredericksburg (Rappahannock EMS Council)</b></p> <p><b>April 19 – Blue Ridge EMS Council</b></p> <p><b>July 24 – Peninsulas EMS Council</b></p> <p><b>October 16 – Central Shenandoah EMS Council</b></p>

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	<p>The EMS Advisory Board Retreat was held on January 5 to discuss the location of the Office of EMS in the state structure. At the conclusion of the Retreat, the Financial, Legislative and Planning Committee was tasked with taking the information gathered during the Retreat, putting it together and looking at future action that the Board can move forward.</p>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Report – Randy Abernathy</b>	No report.	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Report – Jennie Collins</b>	<p>Ms. Collins reported that some Board members have overlapping meetings. Therefore, Ms. Collins asked that all committee chairs in the reports today indicate their regular meeting dates.</p>	<p>Gary Brown, Scott Winston, Heather Phillips and Jennie Collins will take this information to develop a comprehensive schedule and see what if any changes need to be made.</p>
<b>State EMS Medical Director’s Report – Allen Yee, M.D.</b>	<p>Dr. Yee has agreed to serve as the Interim Medical Director until they have a full-time Medical Director.</p> <p>Dr. Yee urged the Medical Direction Committee and Regional Councils to start looking at two issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cardizem is used in most drug boxes but it is not longer being manufactured. An alternative needs to be found.</li> <li>2. The new Cyanide kit that is being manufactured by Day Pharmaceuticals. It has recently been FDA approved in the United States.</li> </ol>	
<b>Office of EMS Reports – Gary Brown</b>	<p>Mr. Brown welcomed Dr. Yee as the Interim Medical Director. Dr. Yee volunteered to serve as the Interim Medical Director and requested that his position be uncompensated. Mr. Brown also acknowledged Chesterfield County for allowing Dr. Yee to serve as the Interim Medical Director.</p> <p>OEMS Personnel Changes- Mr. Brown announced new staff, Amanda Davis, the new Grants Administrator; Wanda Street, the new Secretary Senior; and Jacqueline Hunter is the new ALS Training Funds Specialist. In addition, OEMS is recruiting for a Certification Examiner Position and a Program Support Technician. In addition, OEMS has a wage position, Bookkeeper/Storekeeper, which is a partnership with the Department of Fire Programs for a Fire/EMS Bookstore.</p> <p>The EMS for Children Coordinator position is being transferred to OEMS and is being classified; a Human Resources position has been established, as well as a Performance Improvement Coordinator position. Jodi Kuhn gave a brief overview of the Performance Improvement Coordinator position.</p> <p>OEMS is also having the VDH Human Resources Division to a complete review of all the positions in the office. The Office of EMS has requested VAGEMSA for assistance by looking at positions comparable to OEMS positions and give the office some information.</p>	

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	<p>State Medical Director Position – Mr. Brown recognized the great work done by Dr. Carol Gilbert as the Medical Director. A proper thank you will be given to Dr. Gilbert.</p> <p>2007 General Assembly Budget Bill – all of the Four for Life Funding was restored to the EMS system with the exception of the \$1 million dollars coming out of RSAF to go to the State Police Med Flight. Mr. Brown pointed out that the Quarterly Report has a history of the EMS funding.</p> <p>Trauma Center Fund – This past year, the General Assembly appropriated General Fund money to go into the fund. In terms of the reinstatement of Driver's License fees that go into the Trauma Center Fund. The estimate was over \$4 million dollars a year but the revenue is exceeding \$7 million dollars a year.</p> <p>National EMS Advisory Council – This council is being established and they are seeking nominees for this council. Interested parties can contact Mr. Brown for additional information.</p> <p>2007 General Assembly-</p> <p>HB2161 – Emergency medical care system; adds provisions for additional performance improvement measures -PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>HB2211 – Emergency Medical Services Registry and Statewide Trauma Registry; created. – PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>The main focus of both of these bills was to update current language in the Code of Virginia; to use current day language and clean up of the Code language.</p> <p>HB2271 – School boards; required to annually review school crisis, emergency management, etc. response plans – PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE.</p> <p>HB2304 – Emergency management and preparedness; mutual aid agreements - PASSED THE HOUSE AND IS NOW IN THE SENATE.</p> <p>HB-3042 – Fire programs Fund; increases assessment on certain property and casualty insurers therefor- STRICKEN FROM THE DOCKET - OEMS does support this bill and hope it will be reintroduced another year.</p> <p>HB3048 – Emergency management plans; local and interjurisdictional agency to review - PASSED THE HOUSE; AND IS CURRENT IN THE SENATE.</p> <p>HJ 701 – Establish a joint sub-committee to study the feasibility to offer liability protections to health</p>	

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	<p>care providers rendering aid during a state or local emergency. PASSED THE HOUSE AND IS NOW IN THE SENATE. This bills identifies the Office of EMS as a member of the study committee. OEMS supports this effort.</p> <p>HJ 743 – Creates a joint sub-committee to examine incentives used for Fire and Rescue Squads volunteers to recruit and retain qualified individuals. This is a resurrection of a bill introduced last year. PASSED THE HOUSE AND IS NOW IN THE SENATE.</p> <p>Ed Rhodes gave a summary on three bills that dealt with moving the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The Department of Housing and Community Development wanted to reorganize the State Fire Marshal’s office. A bill was drafted in December, that would put the Fire Marshal on the Housing Board and the Fire Marshal would be appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety. The final outcome of the legislation moves the Office of the Fire Marshal to the Department of Fire Programs; and the Fire Marshal is not appointed anymore, but is employed by the Department of Fire Programs.</p> <p>Next Advisory Board meetings: May 18 and August 17 at the Richmond Marriott West and November 7 at the EMS Symposium in Norfolk.</p> <p>Gary Brown recognized Rob Logan who received the Governor’s Award for Excellence at the EMS Symposium in November.</p>	
<b>Scott Winston</b>	<p>State Ambulance Contract is currently on extension. It has been extended through March 31. The Transportation Committee will be addressing this at their meeting.</p> <p>OEMS recently met with the Office of Health Planning and Policy. One of their functions has to do with the delivery of rural healthcare. They are talking about working with the organization to look at the relationship with EMS and Critical Access hospitals at six areas in the state. They will be contacting respective regional councils that have these Critical Access hospitals in their service areas to see how they can work together.</p>	
<b>Office of the Attorney General Report – Robin Kurz</b>	<p>The Attorney General put in his package this year clean up and clarification legislation for the isolation and quarantine laws. It will do a lot to streamline the process and add a few things as the process has evolved.</p>	
<b>Awards Selection Committee – Karen Wagner</b>	<p>They meet twice a year. Those dates are centered on the selection of the awards and afterwards to review the awards. The committee is planning a regional council workshop that will assist the regional councils in their submissions of their awards to the state for the Governors Awards. They will offer a workshop at the next Regional Council meeting in May.</p>	
<b>Professional Development Committee - James Dudley, M.D.</b>	<p>The committee last met on January 10. Reports were given on the Pilot program. A motion was made to create an AD Hoc Committee with representatives from all of the approved pilot programs with appropriate staff support for the purpose of helping those pilot programs and any programs that come on line subsequent to the current group to coordinate and exchange information about competency</p>	<p>Karen Wagner pointed out that the Professional Development Committee can create the Ad Hoc Committee themselves. Therefore,</p>



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	<p>scenarios, testing and teaching, making it easier for each of those programs to get off the ground and be successful.</p> <p>A motion was brought forth to create an AD HOC Committee with representatives from all of the approved pilot programs with staff support. Bill Altman has agreed to chair that Ad Hoc Committee.</p> <p>There were other discussions with respect to the EMS Council study and online CE. The committee discussed concerns that the VITA process was difficult and causes some roadblocks in serving the constituency. The committee wants to know if there is anything they can do to break down some of the barriers and speed up the responsiveness of VITA. The committee plans to invite Dr. Kaplowitz to the next committee meeting to discuss their concerns regarding VITA.</p> <p>Their committee will meet at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, April 11, July 11 and October 10, 2007.</p>	<p>the Ad Hoc Committee has been created.</p>
<b>Communications Committee – Gary Critzer</b>	<p>The committee meets at 9 AM on the morning of each Advisory Board meeting quarterly.</p> <p>The Communications Directory should be finalized and in print in 45 days. They are ordering 5,000 copies that will be distributed to the Public Safety Answering Point in each locality and each agency for each of their licensed vehicles. They will be in a three ring binder and also available for download from the web page.</p> <p>The 155.205 High Band Initiative – the approval of the committee and the Board was to provide VHF High band portables to all qualifying DERA licensed EMS agencies. The funding is still being identified but they hope to be able to accomplish this by the end of 2007.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b>  <b>Three applications for PSAP Accreditations, for Hanover County, Amherst County and Wise County were approved by the Communications Committee and they request ratification by the Board.</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: YEAS = 18; NAYS = 0; and ABSTENTIONS = 1 (Randy Abernathy). The motion carried.</b></p>
<b>CISM Committee – Carol Morrow</b>	<p>No action items. The committee has not met since the last Advisory Board but will meet on February 21. The committee is working on the CISM Conference that will be held May 30 – June 2 in Virginia Beach. They are also studying the impact with debriefing interventions.</p>	
<b>EMS Emergency Management Committee --- Edward Bish</b>	<p>The committee met on February 1. Mass Casualty I and II CD is complete and they are having training classes throughout the state.</p> <p>The HMERT Team has been requested for upcoming events at the Langley Air Show, Jamestown Celebration and Richmond International Raceway.</p> <p>PSAP Accreditation program is celebrating its second anniversary.</p> <p>Winnie Pennington will be working with Terry Coy on the March EMSAT and the subject will be EMS Emergency Preparedness. Winnie is looking for some homes to visit.</p> <p>The VORTEX Exercise will be held April 23 – 27. The focus will be on recovery. A lot of state</p>	

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	<p>agencies will be in this exercise.</p> <p>NIMS 2.3 is available on line. Go to <a href="http://www.fema.com">www.fema.com</a></p> <p>Winnie Pennington briefed the committee on upcoming community based emergency response seminar. The basic title is Preparing for Abilities. The purpose of the seminar is to have EMS and the citizens get together and share concerns and needs for emergencies and disasters. These meetings will be held throughout the commonwealth on March and May 2007.</p> <p>The committee meets the Thursday a week prior to the Advisory Board meeting.</p>	
<b>Emergency Medical Services for Children – Theresa Guins, M.D.</b>	<p>The committee met on January 18. The main focus is making the transition from VCU to the Office of EMS. They have been recruiting the new members of the committee that will bring them in line with the Federal Performance Standards and that will be forwarded when it is fully staffed.</p> <p>The next meeting is April 12 at the Richmond Marriott West.</p>	
<b>EMS Workforce Development – Rohn Brown</b>	<p>The committee met on January 25. They reviewed the progress of the four sub-committees that have been working on different tasks that are aligned with the Strategic Plan and the Operational Plan of the Office of EMS. They have four sub-committees working on these tasks and if anyone is interested in working with the sub-committees they are welcomed.</p> <p>The Chair has asked for the next committee to have a formal presentation and outline of when deliverables will be ready. The committee will meet next on April 26 at the Richmond Marriott West.</p> <p>2007 EMS Calendars are available and Rohn Brown recognized Beth Singer and Brianne Slattery for their outstanding work on the calendar.</p>	
<b>Financial, Legislative and Planning Committee – Gary Dalton</b>	<p>The committee met earlier in the day. At the Retreat, Ms. Wagner asked the Board members to share the discussions and conclusions with their constituents. If Board members have not done this, then they are asked to do so.</p> <p>Ms. Wagner also challenged the Financial, Legislative and Planning Committee to prepare a recommendation for a Board position on the proper placement of OEMS in the State structure. The committee will be meeting again on March 27 at the VAVRS Office. The Board is asked to contact your constituency and see what concerns you have relative to this topic. Each committee member has been charged to contact four members of the Advisory Board to get their constituency concerns. During the week of March 15-20, a member of the committee will be contacting Board members personally to get the input from your constituency on your concerns for the location of the Office of EMS within state government.</p>	
<b>Financial Assistance and Review Committee – Amanda</b>	<p>The committee meets at 1 PM the Thursday before the EMS Advisory Board meeting. Revisions have been made to the applications and the instructions. The affirmation page is also new.</p>	



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<b>Davis</b>	<p>The Financial Officer of the agency now has to sign. Starting on September 17, the OMD Signature might be required. The FARC Tour will take place in April, and they will be touring the ODEMSA region.</p> <p>Notarized, original invoices are no longer required for the RSAF Grant. This will speed up grant processing.</p> <p>For this grant cycle all of the grants will be submitted in General Funds.</p>	
<b>Medevac Committee - Randy Abernathy</b>	<p>The committee last met on January 25. The next meeting is on April 16. At the January 25 meeting the Virginia Beach Police Department was welcomed to the voting membership of the organization. They will have their aircraft operational by the fourth quarter of 2007.</p> <p>Mr. Abernathy said that the committee would appreciate knowing any specific issues relating to air medical service delivery in the Commonwealth.</p> <p>The committee is in the process of reorganizing the approach to Best Practices. They are hopeful to have some items to bring back to the Board as to how they will provide air medical services in the state.</p>	
<b>Medical Direction Committee - Kim Mitchell, M.D.</b>	<p>The State Medical Director contract is in the final revision by the State Medical Directors. The committee members are reviewing it and will have a web forum on February 26 and that will be the committee's final input on the document.</p> <p>Dr. Mitchell is drafting two letters, one to the American Heart Association, to just Medical Director input into how onerous their changing guidelines have been and how narrowly focused they have been in not taking into account things like education, the affect on volunteer communities, the effect on technology that is not able to be updated. They will also be drafting another letter on behalf of the Medical Direction Committee to VITA in terms of trying to help push forward funding issues for the state in order to help us crunch data and actually get useful numbers back. There has been a minimization of the Office of EMS priority and the Medical Direction Committee feels that at recognizing that this is an issue and putting some pressure on them may help the Office of EMS move their agenda forward and help each committee in getting more resources and data and things that they can help to move things forward.</p> <p>The committee looks forward to working with Dr. Yee.</p> <p>The committee also had a lot of discussion about establishing a Performance Improvement Committee that sounds like it will be addressed on a state level with Jodi Kuhn.</p> <p>The next meeting is April 12, 2007 at 10:30 AM</p>	
<b>Regulation and Policy Committee – Jennie Collins</b>	<p>November 18 was the closing date for public comment for both Financial Assistance for Emergency Medical Services and the Regional Council Regulations. Those comments have been received and</p>	

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	<p>reviewed by Office of EMS staff and they are working on drafting revisions. Regulation and Policy looked at those and reviewed a lot of them. They have one more to finish and their comments will be going back to staff within a couple of weeks.</p> <p>Michael Berg will be going to the Board of Health on April 20 and asking for the final endorsement of the FARC and Regional Council regulations; and at that meeting he plans to ask for the NOIRA Process to start on the Regulations Governing EMS.</p> <p>With the draft Medevac Regulations the AG's Office has finished their review and there were some changes. They will get back with the Medevac Committee so that they can know what the AG's office recommended.</p> <p>The Training Regulations has some final edits, and they will be sent to the AG's Office for review. Once the Training Regulations are cleaned up, the committee will ask that the Professional Development Committee receives a copy.</p> <p>The committee expects to get all the regulations back in a timeframe that will allow them to include everything in one NOIRA package.</p>	
<b>Transportation Committee – Gary Dalton</b>	<p>The committee has not met since the last Board meeting. There is a meeting planned to address the State Ambulance Contract. Mr. Dalton resigned his position as Chair of this committee. Mr. Dalton has spoken with the Nomination Committee Chair, Dr. Carl Wentzel, and advised him that they want to submit J. David Barrick's name as the new chair of the Transportation Committee.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b></p> <p><b>J. David Barrick has been nominated to succeed Gary Dalton as Chair of the Transportation Committee.</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: YEAS = 18; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0;</b></p> <p><b>The motion carried unanimously.</b></p>
<b>Trauma System Oversight and Management Committee – Morris Reece</b>	<p>All the work of the committee has been included in the Quarterly Report or covered by OEMS staff already.</p>	
<b>Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Tina Skinner</b>	<p>The Regional Directors Group has met twice. In November, they reelected their officers. Tina Skinner – Chair; Vice-Chair – David Cullen; Treasurer – Melinda Duncan; Secretary – Jim Chandler</p> <p>A new regional council director, Christopher Price from the Thomas Jefferson EMS Council was introduced.</p> <p>The Group also met on Thursday, February 8. The Board is appreciative in getting to participate in the Grant Stakeholders meeting.</p>	

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	<p>The Regional Councils received a grant under RSAF in January for web site development. A RFP for the project has been developed and Rob Logan is the point of contact for the project to enhance and bring some conformity to the web sites. The anticipated timeline is to select a vendor award in April 2007.</p> <p>They are planning a retreat with the Regional Council Directors and Presidents and they will be working with Don Wilson as lead on a grant to include as part of that Retreat training on Board development and responsibilities. They continue to look at sharing their Best Practices and look forward to participating in the current Regional Council study as well as the promulgation of the Regional Council regulations.</p> <p>They discussed at length at their meeting their current contracts and deliverables with the Office of EMS and they are moving forward with the FY08 contracts and funding process.</p> <p>Their next meeting is scheduled for May 17 at 9:30 AM at the Richmond Marriott West.</p>	
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	No comment.	
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	Karen Wagner advised the Board that Don Taylor had served on the Pandemic Flu Advisory Committee for the Commonwealth. He has been replaced on the Board with John Robertson, a member of Prince William Fire and Rescue. He will be representing the EMS System on the Board along with Linda Johnson.	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Randy Abernathy brought forth a motion on behalf of Dr. Dudley.</p> <p>Talking Points for the Motion:</p> <p>Whereas, Acute Coronary Syndrome is an ongoing issue for the EMS community and a huge public health and patient care issue, and Whereas, The Governor's EMS Advisory Board exists in part, to reduce death and disability resulting from sudden and serious injury or illness, and to support a coordinated statewide EMS system, and Whereas, The Advisory Board consists of many of the Key Stakeholders that will be involved in the development of a statewide system for the provision of Emergency Cardiac care of patients, and Whereas, The Advisory Board is in a good position to bring together such stakeholders as the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association; The College of Cardiology, and the College of Emergency Physicians as well as the critical EMS provider community, Therefore, I would like to move to create a Task Force or Ad Hoc Committee of this Advisory Board for the purpose of bringing together appropriate stakeholders, for the purpose of developing a system of care for STEMI patients in the Commonwealth.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b></p> <p><b>Move to create a Task Force or Ad Hoc Committee of this Advisory Board for the purpose of bringing together appropriate stakeholders for the purpose of developing a system of care for STEMI patients in the Commonwealth.</b></p> <p><b>The motion was properly seconded.</b></p> <p><b>The Chair opened the floor for discussion.</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: YEAS = 18; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0;</b> <b>The motion was carried unanimously.</b></p>

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		<b>Ms. Wagner appointed Dr. Dudley as Chair of the committee.</b>
	<p>Mr. Dalton brought forth discussion on two House Joint Resolutions - HJR 883 AND HJR 877 – that have presented to the State Legislature for approval. Mr. Dalton explained that these resolutions are not always rubber stamped but if they carry merit there is usually no opposition. Mr. Dalton asked that the two agency names be entered into the minutes.</p> <p>The agencies are Lifecare Medical Transport which was the Agency of the Year at the Symposium for its service; and the other agency is Salem Rescue Squad in Salem, Virginia for its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of service. The second rescue squad in the world.</p>	<b>Ms. Wagner asked that the minutes reflect these two agencies.</b>
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 PM	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	May 18, 2007 at 1:00 PM at the Richmond Marriott West.	